Mega-City Scheme

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mega-City Scheme is presently under implementation;

(b) if so, the cities that are covered under the scheme;

(c) the criteria for selection of the cities and whether any city from Rajasthan has been selected; and

(d) the objectives of the scheme and the progress made under the scheme, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme called "Mega City Scheme" was initiated in 1993-94 with the objective of developing city wide Infrastructure with inbuilt cost recovery measures to create a Revolving Fund, with a view to enable the cities to tackle the problems due to migration from rural areas over which city authorities have no control. The projects taken up under the Scheme relate to urban infrastructure, including water supply, sewerage, drainage, sanitation, city transport, land development, slum improvement, solid waste management, construction of roads, urban renewal etc.

The cities of Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore were selected on the criteria of having population of 40 lakhs and above as per 1991 Census. No city from Rajasthan qualified on the basis of population criteria.

In all 394 projects costing Rs. 3377.70 crores have been approved upto 31.12.2000, out of which 128 have been completed and 266 projects are under implementation or are to be taken up for implementation.